

**DNR REGULATORY AGENDA FOR SFY 2008**  
**FORM FOR REGULATORY ACTION DESCRIPTION**

**Rule Making Authority**

Director ☐  
Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) ☒  
Natural Resource Commission (NRC) ☐  
Energy & Geological Resource Division ☐

**Title of Regulatory Action**

Onsite wastewater treatment rules update

**Rule Chapter(s) that may be involved**

567 Chapter 69

**Description of Contemplated Regulatory Action**

(Including, to the extent reasonable and practicable, alternatives to be considered and preliminary estimate of costs and benefits of the Action)

567 IAC 69 needs to be updated to reflect technological changes in the onsite wastewater (septic system) industry.

A Fiscal Impact Statement will be prepared and accompany the NOIA. However, since many new technologies are currently in use under the innovative/experimental section of the current code, a negligible fiscal impact is expected.

The benefit of this rule making action is to protect water quality and human health.

**Legal Basis**

(Include whether action is required by statute or court order)

455B.172

**Need for Regulatory Action**

(Include if applicable how the action will reduce risk to public health, safety, or the environment)

A variety of new technologies in onsite wastewater are in use and/or being introduced in Iowa. These new technologies and their use are not addressed in Chapter 69. To ensure that these systems function as designed, are used appropriately, and do not discharge excessive pollutants to the environment, they need to be included in the rules. This will in turn ensure that poorly treatment wastewater does not adversely impact human health and the environment.

**Other Affected/Interested  
Rule Making Authorities**

IDALS, DED, Engineering and Land Surveying Board, Professional Licensure Division, County Boards of Health

**Potential Public Groups  
Impacted**

Iowa Onsite Wastewater Association

**Schedule:**

(Actions & month/year)

EPC informational item by 9/7/07  
Notice of Intended Action to be filed by 10/7/07  
Public hearings in 12/7/07  
Final rule to EPC by 1/7/08

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